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City of Covington Police Services Report

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# 2009 ANNUAL DATA REPORT



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# **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

## **Adult Arrests**

An arrest is counted every time an adult is cited for a criminal offense or booked. More specifically:

1. It includes all adult bookings, plus
2. All adult citations which are classified as criminal non-traffic.
3. When an adult is both cited and booked, it is only counted once.

## **Cases Cleared /Clearance**

The solving of an offense by arrest, or in some circumstances, by exceptional means (the suspect died, is imprisoned on another charge, victim refuses to testify, etc.).

## **CASE CLOSURE DEFINITIONS**

### **Cleared by Arrest:**

A case can be closed by arrest when at least one suspect is positively identified and charges are recommended to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. This closure does not require physical booking into a jail or juvenile detention facility. It also does not require the charging of all suspects, if there are multiple suspects in the crime. This category includes criminal citations into district and municipal courts for misdemeanors and felony filings into Superior Court, as well as all filings into Juvenile Court.

### **Exceptional Clearance:**

A case can be closed "exceptional" if it can be established that a crime has been committed and the identity of a suspect is positively confirmed, but due to circumstances beyond our control, no charges are filed. An example of this type of closure is a case in which the victim declines to assist in prosecution. Another example is when another police agency files charges on a related crime stemming from the same incident. (Car stolen in King County, but suspect arrested out of the stolen car in Bellevue. Bellevue P.D. charges the suspect with possession of the stolen car. We close the stolen car case "exceptional.")

### **Unfounded:**

Cases are closed as "unfounded" when the investigation reveals that no crime has been committed. An example would be the report of a theft by one party that is determined to be a false report by interviewing other independent witnesses

### **Administrative Clearance:**

This clearance is used primarily to close non-criminal police investigations like found property. For instance, if a citizen finds and turns over to police a wallet. Investigation reveals who the owner of the wallet is and the item is returned to that person.

### **Inactive:**

This category is used when all investigative leads are exhausted and the case can not be closed by any of the above classifications.

## **Dispatched Calls for Service**

This includes calls received in the Communications Center which result in one or more patrol cars being dispatched.

## **Domestic Violence**

Domestic Violence is a subcategory to other crimes. Virtually any crime can be classified as domestic violence. In the State of Washington, Domestic Violence is defined as a crime of violence against the person or property of a spouse, former spouse, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who have a child in common, former/current roommates, persons who have or had a dating relationship, and persons related to the suspect by the parent-child (biological or legal) relationship. In some cases, the age of the victim or suspect may determine whether or not the legal definition above is met.

## **Part I Offenses**

This category is commonly known as the "Crime Index." Crimes include criminal homicide (which includes murder and non-negligent manslaughter; but excludes deaths by negligence, attempts to kill, suicides, accidental deaths, justifiable homicide and traffic fatalities), forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault (which excludes simple assaults), burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

## **Violent Crimes (Part 1)**

These are a subclassification of Part I Offenses which encompass murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

## **Part II Offenses**

This category includes all other crime classifications outside those defined as Part I. Crimes include other assaults (simple), forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property (buying, receiving and/or possessing), vandalism, weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.), prostitution and commercialized vice, sex offenses (except forcible rape, prostitution or commercial vice...i.e. statutory rape, indecent exposure, etc.), drug violations, gambling, offenses against the family and children, driving under the influence, liquor violations, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, etc.

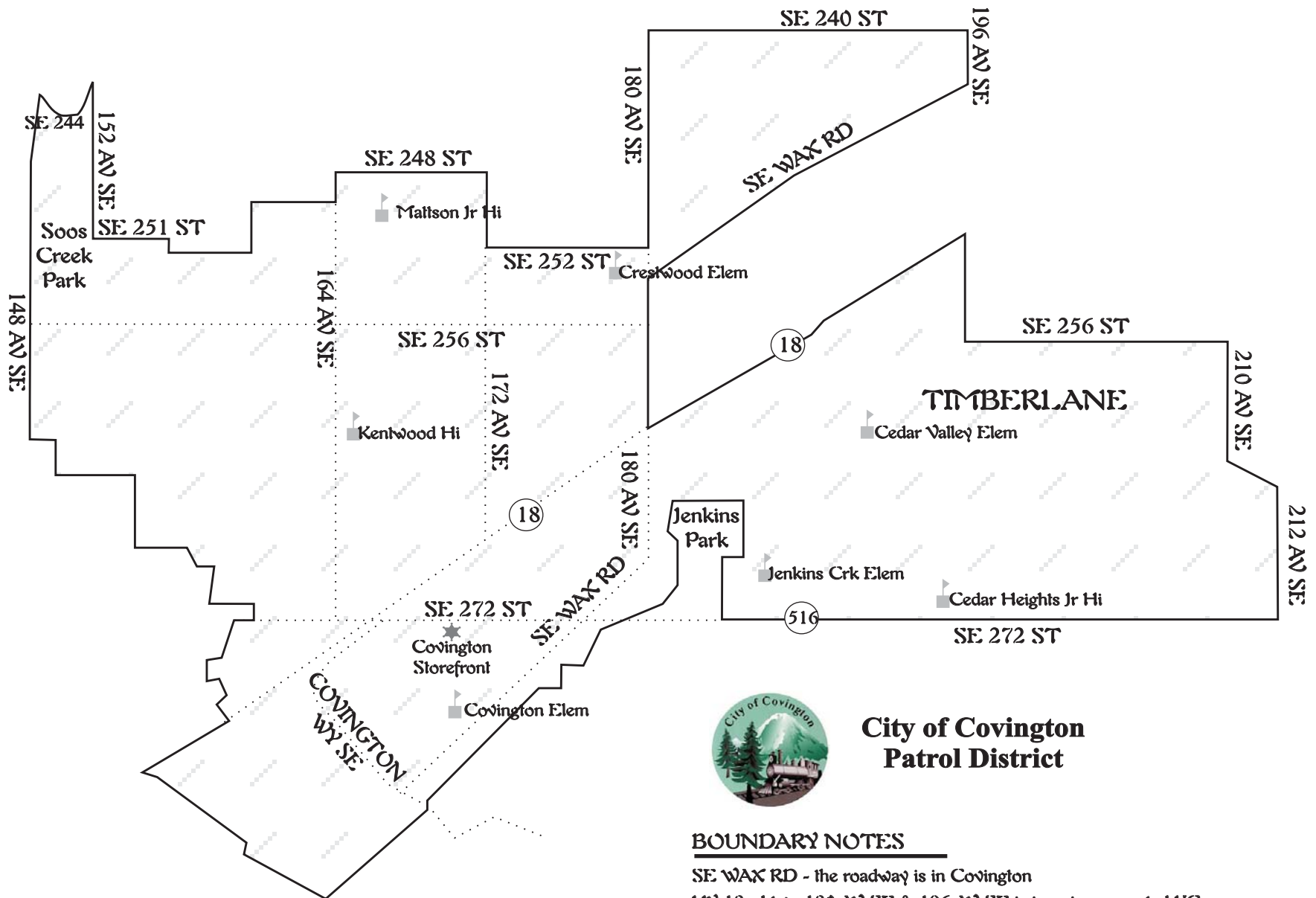
## **Response Times/Priorities**

Priority X - Critical Dispatch. This category is used for those calls that pose an obvious threat to the safety of persons. Examples include shootings, stabbings and in-progress crimes such as robberies or burglaries where the possibility of a confrontation between a victim and suspect exists.

Priority 1 - Immediate Dispatch. This category is used for those calls that require immediate police action. Examples include silent alarms, injury traffic accidents, in-progress crimes or crimes that have just occurred where a suspect may still be in the immediate area.

Priority 2 - Prompt Dispatch. This category is used for those calls that could escalate to a more serious degree if not policed quickly. Examples include verbal disturbances and blocking traffic accidents.

Priority 3 - Routine Dispatch. This category is used for those calls where response time is not a critical factor. Examples include burglaries and larcenies that are not in progress, audible alarms, or other routine reports.



## City of Covington Patrol District

### BOUNDARY NOTES

SE WAX RD - the roadway is in Covington

HY 18 - btwn 180 AV SE & 196 AV SE is in unincorporated KC

SE 240 ST - the roadway btwn 180 AV SE & 196 AV SE is in unincorporated KC

SE 272 ST - the roadway btwn 184 AV SE & 212 AV SE is in unincorporated KC

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## CRIME SUMMARY

	2008	2009	Percent Change	Crime Rate	Total 2009 Cases Closed
<b>Part I Offenses</b>					
Criminal Homicide	0	1	N/A	0.06	1
Forcible Rape (incl. Attempts)	6	7	16.7%	0.40	2
Robbery	23	22	-4.3%	1.25	6
Aggravated Assault	10	17	70.0%	0.97	7
Burglary, Commercial	42	31	-26.2%	1.77	4
Burglary, Residential	86	103	19.8%	5.88	9
Larceny, over \$250	190	216	13.7%	12.32	11
Larceny, under \$250	166	257	54.8%	14.66	10
Vehicle Theft	70	41	-41.4%	2.34	4
Arson	12	0	-100.0%	0.00	0
<b>Total Part I Offenses</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>39.65</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Total Part II Offenses</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>	<b>46.26</b>	<b>77</b>

### NOTE:

The crime rate is calculated on the basis of 1,000 people (i.e., number of crimes per 1,000 people). The population is 17,530.

## ACTIVITY SUMMARY

	2008	2009	Percent Change
Dispatched calls for service	4,026	4,135	2.7%
Adult charges/arrests	403	562	39.5%
Juvenile charges/arrests	117	148	26.5%
Officers assaulted	2	0	-100.0%
Total gang-related incidents	69	52	-24.6%
Total domestic violence related incidents	122	126	3.3%
Hate crimes/malicious harassment reports	2	0	-100.0%

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### Part One Offenses

Criminal Homicide	1
Rape	2
Child Rape	5
Attempted Rape	0
Robbery, Highway	5
Robbery, Commercial	0
Robbery, Gas Station	0
Robbery, Chain Store	13
Robbery, Residence	0
Robbery, Bank	2
Robbery, Misc.	2
Robbery, Carjack	0
Assault, Firearm	4
Assault, Knife	0
Assault, ODW	2
Assault, Hands	11
Commercial Burglary, FE	26
Commercial Burglary, NF	5
Commercial Burglary, ATT	0
Residential Burglary, FE	57
Residential Burglary, NF	35
Residential Burglary, ATT	11
Larceny, +\$250	216
Larceny, -\$250	257
Auto Theft	40
Truck-Bus Theft	0
Other Vehicle Theft	1
Theft Boat/RV	0
Arson Confirmed	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>695</b>

### Part Two Offenses

Assault Fourth	71
Total Forgery/Fraud	82
Stolen Property	1
Vandalism	174
Weapons Violations	6
Commercial Vice	0
Total Sexual Offenses	27
Gambling	0
Total Family/Juvenile	153
DWI	49
Liquor Violations	13
Disorderly Conduct	1
Kidnapping	0
Trespass	53
Opium, coke, etc.	5
Marijuana	6
Synthetic Narcotics	6
Other Narcotics	4
Hate Crimes	0
Viol. of Court Orders (Misd)	27
Viol. of Court Orders (Felony)	1
All other	132
<b>Total</b>	<b>811</b>

### NOTE:

The number of DCFS (Dispatched Calls for Service) shown here includes all calls recorded by the Emergency 911 Communications Center as being city calls. However, this number may be slightly higher than the number of DCFS shown in the Police Service Highlights section, which reports only those calls that are verified to take place inside the city limits and are charged to the city as part of its police contract. Actual DCFS counts shown here are usually less than 5 percent higher.

### Larceny Offenses

Auto Parts & Accessories	32
Bicycles	9
Coin Operated Machine Device	0
Gas	0
Non-specific Category	39
Pickpocket	1
Purse Snatch	1
Shoplifting	153
Taken from Auto	153
Taken from Building	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>473</b>

### Dispatched Calls for Service

2009	<b>4,135</b>
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### Response Times

Priority	Avg Time in Mins.
X	4.28
1	8.34
2	13.00
3	31.01



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## ADULT AND JUVENILE CHARGES, ARRESTS, AND CITATIONS

	Adult Felony	Adult Misdemeanor	Juvenile Felony	Juvenile Misdemeanor	Total Adults and Juveniles
Criminal Homicide	1	0	0	0	1
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	3	0	0	0	3
Robbery	5	0	2	0	7
Aggravated Assault	8	3	2	0	13
Burglary	17	0	8	0	25
Larceny	3	73	1	47	124
Vehicle Theft	4	0	6	0	10
Assault, Fourth	0	50	0	14	64
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2	1	1	1	5
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	1	0	0	1
Stolen Property	6	0	0	0	6
Vandalism	4	22	0	12	38
Weapons Violations	6	5	0	2	13
Prostitution - Vice	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense (No Rape)	1	1	1	0	3
Narcotics/Drug Violation	27	1	3	0	31
Marijuana	0	4	0	5	9
Gambling, Other	0	0	0	0	0
DWI	0	37	0	1	38
Liquor Violation	0	11	0	21	32
Disorderly Conduct	0	2	0	1	3
Other (except Traffic)	8	22	6	13	49
Traffic	6	228	0	1	235
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>710</b>

### NOTE:

Charges include all adults and juveniles booked, cited and charged in absentia. Charges do not include persons that are booked on warrants each quarter.

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